



ARBOR DAY . . . Getting a head start on the planting of some 500 Incense Cedar trees, to be conducted Saturday morning at the South Coast Botanic Gardens, are three Torrance youngsters. Putting the first tree in place are (from left) Marcia Wylie, 11, of Newton School; Mary Scott, 13, of Riviera School; and Jo Ann Walter, 12, a student at Parkway School. Some 500 trees will be given to youngsters who visit the gardens Saturday for the annual Arbor Day observance. Events begin at 10 a.m. (Press-Herald Photo)

CRITIC'S BEAT

'Luv' Keeps the Laughs Coming

If you liked group therapy, you'll love "LUV" as presented by the Palos Verdes Players. Playwright Murray Schisgal has taken enough physical and emotional "hang-ups" to supply a dozen people and given them to three characters in his play.

These three then spend the evening demonstrating their problems for the audience. The surprising thing is that director Harry Fockler and his cast have taken these ingredients and come up with a very funny evening of theatre.

The absurd plot of "LUV," which does not translate well to paper, concerns Milt who runs into his old friend Harry as he is about to commit suicide. Milt convinces Harry that life is great and then confesses that he is miserable because his wife Ellen won't give him a divorce. Milt solves his problem by arranging, with amazing ease, for Ellen and Harry to fall in love and marry. By the second act Ellen has fallen out of love with Harry and back into love with her ex-husband Milt. Ellen and Milt resolve to bring everything back to normal(?) by getting Harry to go through with his original plan of suicide.

The success or failure of a show like "LUV" is mainly in the performing, and the PV Players have a success on their hands. Director Fockler keeps his cast moving at such a break-neck pace that one is too busy laughing at their antics to try and analyze what they are doing.

Duke Schneider as the fast-talking Milt and Barry Cravey as the suicidal Harry tie for acting honors. Schneider—with a New York accent borrowed from Peter Falk—and Cravey, with his outrageous mugging, have their most effective scene together when they fall to bickering about which of them had the most miserable childhood.

Rita Willens gives strong support as Ellen, the wife of

both who's favorite pastime is overanalyzing her relationship with both men. She is at her best in a scene with Cravey, lifted straight out of a Laurel and Hardy movie, where they take turns destroying each other to see who's love is the strongest.

"LUV" will be performed weekends through March 30 at the Palos Verdes Playhouse, off Malga Cove Plaza.

—HAL FISHER.

Antiques Taken by Four Men

Four effeminate men are believed to have shopped \$665 worth of small antiques Sunday afternoon from Kasden's La Tienda, 4142 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Owner Sidney Kasden told Torrance police that one of the men distracted him while the others inspected the merchandise. After the four had left, Kasden noticed the items missing.

The shopkeeper described the men as "homosexual types."

. . . O'Brien

(Continued from Page 1) said the central cell block where he is housed has not had an escape in 100 years.

For Monday's hearings, maximum security was staged at the court room to check spectators' belongings for possible weapons. No one was prevented from entering the room.

CITED WAS an occasion when Patrick built a model airplane and Jerry broke it to pieces. The older brother always solved his differences with Jerry Lee by beating him up.

Patrick said, "I always won," referring to the fights. He said Jerry as a little brother was a "pain in the neck." He also said the younger O'Brien "got the dirty end of the stick."

Since becoming an officer in the Air Force, Patrick attempted to help his brother whom he said responded to suggestions and accepted advice, but the captain added his brother had a powerful mistress. "Her name was Heroine."

IN HIS final arguments for the defendant, Calof said the crime committed by O'Brien was deserving of severe punishment, but he hastened to find fault with execution as the proper punishment.

To familiarize the jury with Folsom Prison, a maximum security institution, Lewis Fritz, an inmate, prepared a diagram of the confines. He

IN HIS summation yesterday, Burnett disclaimed conclusions made by Dr. Jens. He dwelled upon the premise that O'Brien did not give Seibert a chance.

Burnett pointed out that O'Brien held 19 people at gunpoint and killed a policeman from June 29 to Aug. 25 of last year after which he was captured following a car crash in Low, Utah.

Burnett, in asking for the death penalty, said, "This may not be a better place to live, but it will be a lot safer."

Calof's final rebuttal pointed out that O'Brien never injured any of the 19 people involved in the trial accounts. The public defender maintained the murder was not a cold, calculated, deliberate act.

. . . Nepal Festival

and operate a variety of rides. Highlight of the festival will be two pop concerts, each 2½ hours long, featuring such popular groups as The Standells, Rose Garden, Iron Butterfly, Joey Paige, The Daily Mail, Johnny and Joe, and The Hook.

SOUTH HIGH clubs and organizations and numerous community organizations, businessmen, and industrial firms will set up displays and operate concession booths during the three-day festival.

Participating are the Las Vecinas Women's Club, the WALTERIA Businesswomen's Club, South Torrance Lion's Club, Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary, Delta Theta Tau, Torrance Recreation Department, Riviera Rotary Club, Torrance Rotary Club, and the International House of Pancakes.

Profits from the concessions will be split between the participating groups and the "Operation Nepal" fund. Displays and entertainment will be provided by Torrance Family YMCA, the Pizza Palace, Pincushion Yardage, Amway Products, JoAnn's Yardage, the Campus

Shop, Pike's Men's Wear, Lanz Originals, South Bay Bar Association, Great Lakes Realty, and Griffey Electric.

Others who will have displays open include the Torrance Police and Fire Departments, Vari Crafts, Hughes Aircraft Co., Hughes Aircraft, TRW Inc., Smith Brothers Indian Village, Keds, Mission Bell Products, Windsors Florists, Walteria Florists, and Bullocks.

Also operating displays are the Riviera Sportsmen's Club, Brides of California, Andrews Men's Shop, International Business Machines, the Standard Oil Co., Phi Delta Kappa and Marlee's Fashions.

MAYOR Albert Isen has proclaimed the three-day weekend as "Operation Nepal Days."

Visitors entering the carnival area will pass through the Walkway of the World. Antique and new cars and a helicopter will be displayed.

Other sections will include the American Square, a Parisian Quarter, Children's Kingdom, Port of Jamaica, the Nepalese Pavilion, a Tahitian Village, London Fashion Park, a Danish Pastry Fair, a Latin Fiesta, a Dutch Floral Garden, Space Age USA, and the entertainment center.

OTHER special events will include a donkey basketball game Friday night, featuring the USC football team and the South High faculty, and a giant fireworks show to be presented by the Riviera Sportsmen's Club.

"Operation Nepal" will be open to the public from 7 to midnight Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and from 1 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

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